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LOCAL WOMAN FOUND GUILTY ON TAX CHARGE

(Wilmington, DE) – Patrick T. Carter, Director of Revenue announced today that a jury for the Superior Court in New Castle County found Jaime L. Snyder guilty of filing a false State of Delaware income tax return.

Snyder, 28, a resident of New Castle, Delaware, was convicted of a single felony count of filing a false tax return for the year 2004.

Following the guilty verdict, NCC Superior Court Judge William C. Carpenter, Jr. sentenced Snyder to one year in prison, suspended for two years probation. In addition, Snyder must pay full restitution to the Delaware Division of Revenue.

An investigation conducted by the Delaware Division of Revenue's Criminal Investigation Unit established that Snyder willfully attempted to defraud the State of Delaware by electronically filing a 2004 income tax return with the state claiming a fraudulent tax refund in the amount of \$1,105.00 to which she was not entitled.

Evidence presented during the trial revealed that Snyder created a false W-2 Form, listing her correct name, address, and employer, but overstating the amount of Delaware state withholding tax in an attempt to obtain a fraudulent income tax refund. The false W-2 form was used by Snyder to prepare a 2004 state income tax return falsely claiming a tax refund in the amount of \$1,105.00. Snyder sought to have her tax refund directly deposited into a checking account in her own name.

The case was investigated by the Delaware Division of Revenue's Criminal Investigation Unit and was prosecuted by Deputy Attorney General Philip Bangle.

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